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# MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

# FINAL EXAMINATION

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## PAM0135 -ALGEBRA

(Foundation in Information Technology / Life Sciences)

26 October 2018 9.00 A.M – 11.00 A.M (2 Hours)

## INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

- 1. This question paper consists of **TWO** pages excluding the cover page and the Appendix.
- 2. Answer **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
- 3. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.
- 4. All necessary working steps MUST be shown.

Instruction: Answer ALL questions.

#### Question 1 [10 marks]

- a. Simplify the equation:  $\left(\frac{-15a^4b^2}{5a^{10}b^{-3}}\right)^3 (4a^3)^{-2}$  (3 marks)
- b. Solve the equation.

$$\sqrt{x-5} - \sqrt{x-8} = 3 \tag{3 marks}$$

c. Solve the following inequality:

$$\frac{x+4}{2x-1} \le 3 \tag{4 marks}$$

# Question 2 [10 marks]

- a. Determine the domain of the functions  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x+3}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $f \circ g$  (3 marks)
- b. Solve the following equations:

i. 
$$3^{2x} + 3^x - 2 = 0$$
 (4 marks)

ii. 
$$\log_2(x-6) + \log_2(x-4) - \log_2 x = 2$$
 (3 marks)

#### Question 3 [10 marks]

Given the quadratic function  $f(x) = 4 - (x - 1)^2$ .

- a. Find the vertex, the x-intercepts, the y-intercept, and the axis of symmetry of the graph of f. (5 marks)
- b. Sketch the graph of y = f(x). Show clearly the vertex, the x-intercepts, the y-intercept, and the axis of symmetry on the graph. (3 marks)
- c. Use transformation of the graph of  $f(x) = \log_2(x)$  to graph the function.  $f(x) = \log_2(-x)$ . Show clearly the graph's x-intercepts. What is the vertical asymptote? (2 marks)

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# Question 4 [10 marks]

a. Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to show that:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}.$$
 (5 marks)

- b. In the expansion of  $(x-2y)^8$ , find:
  - i. the coefficient of  $x^5$ . (2 marks)
  - ii. the last three terms of the expansion. (3 marks)

## Question 5 [10 marks]

- a. Find the sum of the geometric series  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots, +\frac{1}{128}$  (5 marks)
- b. The fourth term and the eight term of an arithmetic sequence are 19 and 43 respectively.
  - i. Find the first term and the common difference of the sequence.

(3 marks)

- ii. Find the twentieth term of the sequence. (1 mark)
- iii. Find the sum of the first 10 terms of the sequence. (1 mark)

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**End of Paper** 

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## **APPENDIX**

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a-b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3$$

$$(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$\log_b b = 1$$

$$\log_b(MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

$$\log_b M^p = p \log_b M$$

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a_1 + (n-1)d) = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$$

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

$$\log_b \left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

$$\log_b M = \frac{\log_a M}{\log_a b}$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}, \text{ infinite sum } |r| < 1$$